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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MICHAEL W. HICOK

For: Systems And Methods For Holding
Together First And Second Objects
And Fasteners For Use With The
Systems And Methods

Group Art Unit 3676

Examiner: Lugo, Carlos

Serial No. 10/762,774

Filed: January 23, 2004

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36 and 10.40)

Donald A. Kettlestrings, attorney of record for applicant, hereby applies to the Commissioner for permission to withdraw and hereby states his intention to withdraw as attorney of record effective upon such approval. The reason for this request for withdrawal is that applicant has failed to honor an agreement to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services.

Applicant's name and address are as follows:

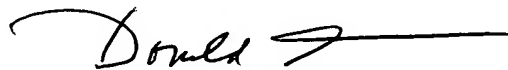
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All papers and property to which the applicant is entitled have been delivered to the applicant. No unearned fee paid in advance remains in the possession of the undersigned. Sufficient time remains for employment of another practitioner by applicant before expiration of

the period for response to the outstanding office action, and applicant's rights will not be prejudiced if this request for withdrawal is approved.

Due notice has been given to applicant by the undersigned of his intention to withdraw by sending applicant a letter with a copy of this Request. A copy of the office action of April 27, 2005 along with an explanation of the necessity to timely respond thereto has also been sent to applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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